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Box Patent Application Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Attorney's Docket No. SONY-U0257

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled:

SERVICE PROVIDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND INFORMATION PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND METHOD AS WELL AS PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date October 6, 2000, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" Mailing Label Number <u>EL254113522US</u> addressed to: Box Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed are:

- 1. X Transmittal Form (two copies required)
- 2. The papers required for filing date under CFR § 1.53(b):
 - i. 35 Pages of specification (including claims and abstract);
 - ii. 12 Sheets of drawings.

formal

x informal

- 3. Declaration or oath
 - a. x Unsigned Combined with Power of Attorney

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 4. __ An assignment of the invention to Sony Corporation is attached (including Form PTO-1595).
 - i. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
- 5. x Power of Attorney Unsigned Combined with Declaration
- An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed, including a PTO-1449 and copies of _____
 references.
- 7. Preliminary Amendment.
- 8. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503 -- should be specifically itemized)
- 9. FOREIGN PRIORITY
 - [x] Priority of application no. P11-293327 filed on October 15, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.

The certified copy of the priority application:

- is filed herewith; or
- has been filed in prior application no. _ filed on _, or
- x will be provided.
- English Translation Document (if applicable)

10. FEE CALCULATION

a. __ Amendment changing number of claims or deleting multiple dependencies is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS FILED

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	9 - 20	* 0	x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	6 - 3	* 3	x \$80.00	240.00
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*If less than zero, enter "O".

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- a. __ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ___ is no longer claimed.

12. Other Fees

_	Recording Assignment [\$40.00]		 				 								\$0
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Total Fees Enclosed \$950.00

13. Payment of Fees

- x Check(s) in the amount of \$950.00 enclosed.
- Charge Account No. 12-1420 in the amount of \$__.
 - A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.
- 14. All correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to the undersigned attorney:

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15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 12-1420. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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October 6, 2000 (Date)

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